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# **VPSS Solicits Public Comment on Draft Import Permit Regulation**

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#### **Report Highlights:**

The Russian Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance Service solicits public comment preparatory to drafting a regulation intended to govern veterinary and phytosanitary import, export and transit permits. Contact information is provided for delivery of comments. The original Russian-language announcement can be seen on the World Wide Web at http://www.mcx.ru/index.html?he\_id=900&doc\_id=12886

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#### Overview

The Government of the Russian Federation is developing a new system of regulations in all spheres of the economy in accordance with the Law on Technical Regulations adopted June 1, 2003. The Ministry of Agriculture of the Russian Federation is accordingly promulgating regulations regarding veterinary and phytosanitary matters, including those that affect foreign trade. Regulations not in compliance with new legislation were annulled, in the case of veterinary and phytosanitary matters by Ministry of Agriculture Order No. 549 of December 28, 2004.

To replace previously in-force regulations, rules, and standards, the Russian Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance Service (VPSS, also known by its Russian abbreviation Rosselkhoznadzor) is developing a new regulatory framework, and as part of that effort published an announcement of intent to draft regulations governing issuance of import, export and transit permits on its website March 27, 2007. Comments on what the content of this regulation should be may be directed to VPSS at addresses provided below.

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#### **Announcement**

The Federal Veterinary and Phytosanitary Surveillance Service announces drafting of an administrative regulation for import into the Russian Federation and export from the Russian Federation, as well as transit across its territory of livestock, products of animal orgin, medicinal substances for livestock, feed and feed additives, and products subject to quarantine.

All interested citizens and organizations may submit comments, proposals and conclusions to: 107139 Moscow, Orlikov pereulok, 1/11, Rosselkhoznadzor or by electronic mail to v.meniakin@svfk.mcx.ru - Veterinary Directorate fitoquarantine@mail.ru - Phytosanitary Directorate.